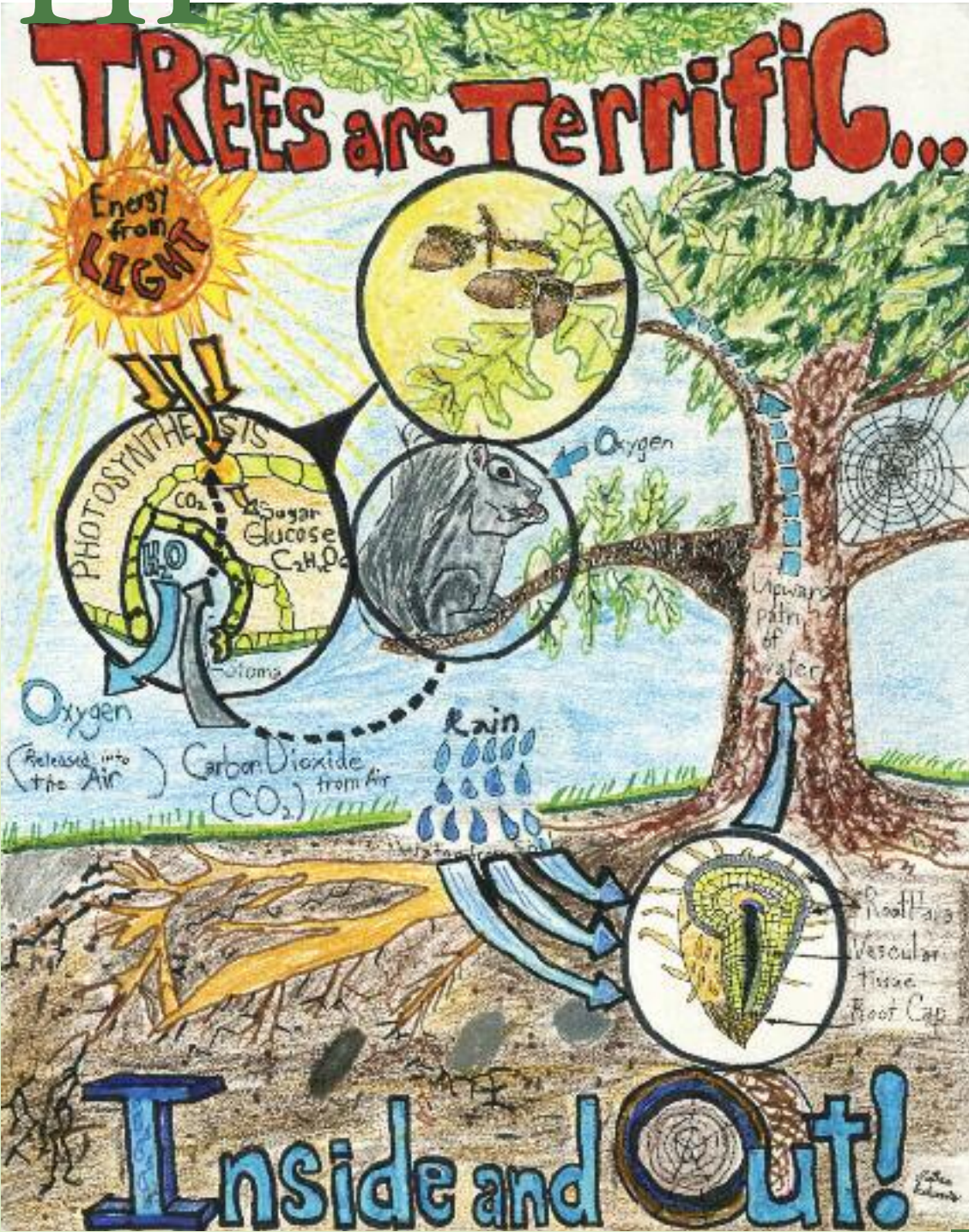


April



Celebrate Arbor Day – April 24, 2009

Arbor Day is a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. This historic holiday has been celebrated in Wisconsin since 1883!

Here are some ideas for celebrating Arbor Day:

- Plant a tree!
- Take a nature walk and practice identifying trees using an ID guide.
- Organize a local community or school celebration.
- Make up a play about trees and present it to your class.
- Read a story or poem about trees, or write your own!



Tree planting at Drummond Elementary
Courtesy of J. Bishop

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6 Can you identify four trees that are budding in your neighborhood?	7 Bald eagles begin nesting. On average, a nest may be 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet deep. That's as big as the beds we sleep in!	8	9 Full (Pink) Moon Passover begins at sundown.	10 Good Friday Only 14 days until Arbor Day! Time to start planning!	11 Coyote pups born.
12 Easter National Environmental Education Week (Apr 12-Apr 18)	13	14	15 Painted turtles emerging. Look for them in marshes, ponds, and shallow lake areas. Black bears leave dens.	16 Why is it important to plant trees?	17	18 White-tailed bucks begin growing antlers. Prairie smoke blooms.
19 Earth Week, Forest Appreciation Week, and Wildfire Prevention Week (Apr 19-Apr 25)	20	21 John Muir born (1838)	22 Earth Day J. Sterling Morton born (1832)	23 Fun Forestry Fact: Urban forests help reduce air pollution and improve our health and well-being. Eighty percent of Wisconsin's residents live in urban forest areas!	24 Arbor Day Plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.	25
26 Stewardship Week (Apr 26-May 3) Theme: DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil	27 What is a tree canopy?	28 Listen for grouse drumming. American toads begin to sing along shallow waters.	29 Check your woodlands for spring flowers.	30 GreenWorks! Grants due for the spring funding cycle.	 courtesy of Bob Queen	

In fall after the leaves have dropped from trees, look for gray squirrel nests, or *drays*. They look like a ball of leaves among the tree's branches.

My Favorite Forest Animal

By Micaela Jobke

My fur can be white, gray or black,
and we do not travel in a pack.
We do not hibernate when it's chilly,
sit and watch us, you'll think we're silly.
We can climb a tree in the blink of an eye,
do not try to catch me I'm really quite shy.
My tail is bushy and my hands are so cute,
we often snack on nuts and fruit.
We make a nest in the hole of a tree,
it's great to be so wild and free.
We can't come in your house to be your pet,
we look like a drowned rat when we're wet.
We come in many colors and sizes,
don't be shocked if we show you some surprises.
We like to come out during the day,
we gather our food, run and play.
We gather and store our food in the fall,
watch us walk on electric wires up tall.
You can't really tell if I'm a boy or girl,
my favorite forest animal is the squirrel.

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